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SUBJECT: COURT ARRAIGNMENTS OF CROAT TERRORISTS

REF: USUN 2074 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON JULY 6, 1977 VLADIMIR DIZDAR, JOZO BRAKALO AND MARIJAN BUCONJIC ARRAIGNED IN NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT BEFORE JUSTICE ERNEST ROSENBERGER. BAIL SET AS FOLLOWS: DIZDAR - \$75,000, BRAKALO - \$40,000 AND BUCONJIC - \$40,000. TRIAL DATE OF JULY 20 SET FOR STATE CHARGES. ABOVE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED BY JAMES ST. CLAIR, WHO IS NOTED FOR HAVING BEEN ONE OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S LAWYERS DURING WATERGATE.

2. ON JULY 7, 1977, SUBJECTS ARRAIGNED FEDERAL COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, BEFORE HON. ROBERT J. WARD, US DISTRICT JUDGE. BAIL SET AT \$100,000 EACH. IN ADDITION, AMERICAN CITIZEN, JOZO BRAKALO, WAS INSTRUCTED TO SURRENDER HIS PASSPORT. NO TRIAL DATE WAS SET FOR FEDERAL CHARGES.

3. QUESTION OF COMPETING FEDERAL AND STATE JURISDICTIONS, INCLUDING BAIL AMOUNTS, WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE PROSECUTING OFFICES.

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4. FIFTY TOSEVENTY-FIVE PRO-CROAT SPECTATORS PRESENT IN FEDERAL COURT DURING ARRAIGNMENT.

5. MISOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM COUNSELOR VUKOVIC OF YUGOSLAV MISSION CONCERNING ARRAIGNMENTS. VUKOVIC HEARD ABOUT PROCEEDINGS AND WAS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION. MISOFF GAVE DETAILS OF BOTH

ARRAIGNMENTS INCLUDING THE BAIL AMOUNTS. VUKOVIC EXPRESSED HIS MISSION'S SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER FACT BAIL HAD BEEN GRANTED. HE CLAIMED US ATTORNEY TENDY HAD SPECIFICALLY INFORMED YUGOSLAV MISSION THERE WOULD BE NO BAIL. MISOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE MADE SUCH A STATEMENT BUT VUKOVIC STUCK TO HIS STORY. TENDY NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT AT THIS WRITING.

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